

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Report for the month of DECEMBER, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 30th June 1946 was estimated to be 494,080, comprising 255,526 males and 238,554 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: - Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			NOVEMBER		11 months ended NOVEMBER	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages	..	No.	403	337	4,658	3,437
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	9.86	8.35	10.29	7.67
Births	..	No.	1,300	848	10,896	10,019
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	31.81	21.00	24.06	22.37
Deaths	..	No.	362	393	4,409	4,353
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	8.86	9.73	9.74	9.72
Infant Mortality	No.		34	28	348	295
"	"	Rate per 1000 Live Births	26.15	33.02	31.94	29.44
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			14	15	164	152
Cancer			47	50	504	533
Influenza			1	2	15	11
Diphtheria			-	-	11	17
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			27	31	363	401
Arteriosclerosis			11	15	162	164
Diseases of the Heart			100	117	1,214	1,229
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia			15	28	298	262
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			1	2	25	42
Nephritis			13	18	157	187
Diseases of Early Infancy			25	19	190	171
Senility			7	10	115	137
Accidents			26	17	278	229
All Other Causes			75	69	913	818
TOTAL			362	393	4,409	4,353

*Equivalent Annual Rate

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December totalled 337,783 acres, an increase of 108,175 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,448,507 acres, a decrease of 3,683 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of DECEMBER		6 months ended DECEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,234,431	994,001	6,551,986	6,112,726
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.9.7d.	£2.0.5d.	£13.4.0d.	£12.9.0d.
Expenditure ..	1,215,078	1,168,175	7,162,728	6,989,562
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.8.9d.	£2.7.6d.	£14.8.7d.	£14.4.8d.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 31st December amounted to £36,868,346, or £73.18.11d. per head of population, as against £35,449,207, or £72.1.0d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 31st December 1946 amounted to £4,010,200, compared with £3,233,275 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers	..	(No. 1,281 (£. 636,777	1,227 574,196	9,466 4,739,110	6,419 2,780,756
Mortgages	..	(No. 762 (£. 620,890	494 356,217	5,426 4,580,568	2,414 2,090,764
Discharges of Mortgages		No. 652	524	4,906	3,500

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1945 -				
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
1946 -				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

46 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,008,500, and 26 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended 31st December 1946. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 23 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £560,500, and 13 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

Six months ended DECEMBER						
1946			1945			
No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets	
	£.	£.		£.	£.	
Sequestration Orders	9	7,439	2,412	8	16,281	6,259
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	6,366	4,612	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		NOVEMBER		5 months ended NOVEMBER	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings	£.	166,100	339,800	1,568,100	1,669,500
Working Expenses	£.	277,380	344,341	1,736,997	1,666,590
Train Miles Run		253,720	517,366	2,553,344	2,552,927
Passenger Journeys		675,936	1,355,610	5,649,875	6,918,477
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		87,249	192,670	856,943	982,443
Livestock		6,977	16,611	65,467	63,912
Departmental (Free Freight)		20,452	41,947	216,861	193,617
Total		114,678	251,228	1,139,271	1,239,972
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		14,315,317	24,751,754	120,365,853	125,778,458
Livestock		834,992	1,883,597	8,282,529	7,401,725
Departmental (Free Freight)		2,666,326	6,071,984	34,588,002	27,777,488
Total		17,816,635	32,707,335	163,236,384	160,957,671

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
January	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
February	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	9	51	-	42
April	17	25	-	30	18	49	1	33
May	22	49	-	44	27	98	2	45
June	8	16	-	19	9	25	-	19
July	38	30	-	36	38	62	-	51
August	45	27	2	37	46	53	2	47
Sept.	61	27	2	35	75	69	3	45
October	106	44	2	37	128	96	2	48
November	83	22	2	37	92	70	3	49
December	128	32	3	42	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
July	18,534	7,590	80	3,912	29,679	26,077	144	5,944
August	19,029	8,411	204	4,289	30,668	28,279	270	6,565
Sept.	19,128	8,504	235	4,353	30,900	28,820	302	6,747
October	19,415	8,687	238	4,545	31,195	29,310	312	7,052
November	19,612	8,845	240	4,665	31,549	29,919	316	7,249
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 - December	88	378	5	3

T R A D E

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - November 1946 and 1945 and 5 months ended November 1946 and 1945 - expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		5 months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		5 months ended NOVEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Oversea	717	557	3,565	2,255	733	1,775	8,069	6,124
Interstate	991	1,133	8,007	6,376	124	704	1,320	3,897
TOTAL	1,708	1,690	11,572	8,631	857	2,479	9,389	10,021

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
December 1946	*81	*91,542	3	6,235	167	59,108	*251	*156,885
December 1945	124	107,740	7	7,543	178	37,852	309	153,135
6 months ended Dec., 1946	976	1,063,989	59	63,332	1,370	197,120	2,405	1,324,441
6 months ended Dec., 1945	602	483,279	21	22,586	1,152	167,621	1,775	673,486

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 7 for a value of £7,450.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
December 1946	12	7,427	2	215	37	5,690	51	13,332
December 1945	20	13,615	2	1,475	31	2,712	53	17,802
6 months ended Dec., 1946.	146	118,057	23	8,944	263	28,311	432	155,312
6 months ended Dec., 1945.	89	66,264	11	4,882	182	13,849	282	84,995

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,920,235 lbs. were produced during November and 8,594,786 lbs. for the five months ended November 1946, as against 1,961,775 lbs. and 8,282,141 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		DECEMBER		12 months ended DECEMBER	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity	.. Fine Oz.	61,135	37,760	616,964	468,549
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	657,962	406,393	6,640,069	5,010,541

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December 1946 amounted to £713,926, as against £532,703 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries :-				
Metropolitan	1052	1050	1055	1059
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1185	1180	1187	1191
Northam	1066	1058	1069	1068
Bunbury	1050	1032	1053	1042
Geraldton	1076	1073	1079	1083
Collie	1067	1063	1069	1071

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	118	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144	153	955	835	827	876	1051
May	119	131	140	144	155	927	836	832	891	1069
June	118	135	139	145	157	907	835	829	903	1087
July	117	136	140	145(a)	159	888	828	832	899	1096
August	119	136	140	144	160	882	814	832	897	1109
September	120	137	140	141	161	877	806	834	914	1114
October	122	138	140	141	164	874	801	837	929	1118
November	123	136	141	144	163	873	814	851	965	1133
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	16,142	14,828	97,096	92,415
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	13,961	11,639	82,723	77,820

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
December 1946	3,923	492	105,585	15,963
December 1945	5,706	414	87,564	18,518
12 months ended December 1946	88,176	4,230	1,000,659	163,046
12 months ended December 1945	68,822	3,940	907,095	169,717